



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Summer Programs for Kids

When summer comes, there are many ways to develop your child academically, physically, emotionally, and behaviorally. Summer break is an important time for children to have a range of new experiences that build life skills, spark new interests, and avoid the “summer slide.” Here are a few options for DC families.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

DCPS K–8 Summer School (by invitation only): Summer School has been redesigned to provide reading, writing and math instruction to students in grades K–8 whose reading assessments show they can make strides in our five-week program. The program runs from July 1 to August 2 (except for July 4). Each day begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m. Parents and guardians of identified students have begun to receive invitations to enroll.

DCPS 9–12 Summer School: DCPS will offer classes for high school students who need to recover credits over the summer. Contact school counselors for more information.

School-based programs: Some DC Public Schools will provide programs for their own students, including Summer Bridge programs for rising 9th graders. Please ask your principal if any programs are planned for your school. **In mid-April**, information about individual school programs will be available on the DCPS website (dcps.dc.gov) under the heading “Beyond the Classroom” in the Summer School section.

Private and parochial schools: Parents may register their children for individual classes and full summer school programs if their children did not make adequate progress in reading or math during the school year. Contact the parochial school nearest you or check local newspapers, parent magazines, and the internet for private school options.

The DC Public Library (dclibrary.org) also provides programs that encourage reading and artistic expression, and offer a wide array of special events throughout the summer. Check the calendar of events and the programs for kids on the library website.



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CAMPS

The DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has great camps of all kinds.

Four two-week sessions begin on June 24 and end on August 16. Most camps are open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Before- and after-care is also available for an additional fee. Visit the DPR website at **summercamps.dc.gov** to learn more about types of camps, fees and registration.

Free camps provided by our trusted community partners: Full-day or half-day camps will be held throughout the city—many will be located in DCPS schools. **Parents can learn more about these opportunities in early May.** Visit the DCPS website (**dcps.dc.gov**) under the heading “Beyond the Classroom” in the Summer School section.

Places of worship offer a variety of programs for youth including camps and weekend retreats. Ask at your own place of worship or at others near your home about what will be offered this summer.

Private camps of all kinds provide summer enrichment for a fee. Often these programs advertise in local newspapers including parent magazines. These can include overnight camps or day camps, often with a focus on a particular area of interest such as technology, art, drama, music, or sports.

OTHER RESOURCES

The network of Family Strengthening Collaboratives offer information, resources, and services for families across the city. Contact them to find out about Ward-specific resources for youth. Visit **<http://dccollaboratives.org>** for links to all five Collaboratives: Columbia Heights/Shaw Family Support Collaborative, East River Family Strengthening Collaborative, Edgewood/Brookland Family Support Collaborative, Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative, and the Georgia Avenue/ Rock Creek East Family Support Collaborative.

The DCPS Office of Family and Public Engagement offers great ideas for activities you can do at home with your child at any time, including over the summer. Visit **<http://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/Parents+and+Community/Supporting+Your+Student>**.
